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State Awards One New School and Energy Development Grants

(PHOENIX, AZ – April 11, 2008) The Arizona School Facilities Board (SFB) approved a new school for the Queen Creek Unified District and awarded \$250,000 in Energy Development Grants at the monthly board meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2008.

The school was awarded as part of the FY08 Capital Plan Cycle, which will continue for the next few months. The cycle begins in early September when districts submit their requests for new construction. From that time, SFB staff analyzes the requests taking into account factors such as current district capacity and projected growth.

The Queen Creek Unified District received a 9-12 school for 1,153 students which is expected to open in Fall 2011. This award totals \$17,752,909. A list of projects approved in this cycle is attached.

Approvals such as this allow districts to design their schools within the allocated budgets. Upon completion of design, the projects will go before the Board again for approval to begin actual construction. More awards may be made at the next board meeting to be held in the Tucson Unified District on May 1, 2008.

The Arizona Energy and Water Savings Grant Program was created by Laws 2007, Chapter 266 (HB 2792) and appropriates \$2,200,000 for school districts to perform energy and water savings audits to identify potential energy or water savings measures, and estimate projected savings, benefits and costs associated with the implementation of energy and water conservation projects.

The grant funding was divided into two types of projects: development grants and implementation grants. The establishing statute defines development grants as “energy and water saving audits and preparations of grant applications.” The School Facilities Board may award up to \$250,000 for development grants, with the balance of grant funding designated for

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implementation grants. The recommended award of the implementation grants will be presented to the Board on May 1, 2008.

Of the 27 development grant applications received, the following districts have been awarded funding:

District	Project	Score	Square Footage	Award
Apache Junction Unified	Desert Vista Elementary	81	65,000	\$10,000
Page Unified	Districtwide	79	628,263	\$40,000
Peoria Unified	Cactus High, Foothills Elementary, District Office	77	355,748	\$40,000
Deer Valley Unified	Barry Goldwater High	76	311,561	\$40,000
Agua Fria Union	Agua Fria High	74	232,270	\$10,000
Mayer Unified	Mayer Jr/Sr High	72	47,587	\$12,844
Tucson Unified	Districtwide	71	7,882,787	\$40,000
Queen Creek Unified	Queen Creek Middle	70	133,146	\$15,000
Toltec Elementary	Toltec Middle	67	88,090	\$6,559
Buckeye Elementary	Buckeye Elementary	66	140,434	\$25,300
Winslow Unified	Districtwide	65	478,581	\$10,297

SFB Approved New Construction Projects
FY 2008 Capital Plan Cycle

Approval Date	District	Project	Grades	Student Capacity	Square Footage	Open FY	NC Funding
12/6/2007	Gila County Regional	School	7-12	90	10,000	2011	\$1,563,600
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	Subtotal:			153	17,000		\$2,658,120
1/10/08	Sunnyside Unified	School	9-12	1,182	111,125	2011	\$18,203,386
1/10/08	Vail Unified	School	6-8	785	62,836	2011	\$8,732,947
	Subtotal:			1,967	173,961		\$26,936,333
2/7/08	Laveen Elementary	School	K-8	1,155	92,400	2011	\$12,545,148
	Subtotal:			1,155	92,400		\$12,545,148
3/6/08	Maricopa Unified	School	6-8	1,088	87,003	2011	\$12,091,677
3/6/08	Maricopa Unified	School	9-12	2,394	225,000	2011	\$36,857,250
3/6/08	Toltec Elementary	School	K-8	857	69,300	2011	\$9,408,861
	Subtotal:			4,339	381,303		\$58,357,788
4/3/08	Queen Creek Unified	School	9-12	1,153	108,375	2011	\$17,752,909
	Subtotal:			1,153	108,375		\$17,752,909
	Total:			8,767	773,039		\$118,250,298